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Now that the scientists have declared Washington a perfectly healthy place, barring the Potomac flats perhaps Congress will condescend to bestow a few moments' thought on the flats.

They are now mentioning Uncle Joe Brown, of Georgia, as a good lead to the Tilden bids for 1884. Our gentleman who intimates that Uncle Joe can sign a large check will be immediately frowned down.

JACK BUNSBY is abroad as an expert in insanity. Dr. Rice, the medical expert, thinks that Guitau is subject to emotional insanity, and that he has a religious ecstasy without feeling any of the moral truths of religion.

WE ARE GETTING READY to put in our new press. It will be running in about two weeks. We hope by that time to be able to supply the demand for THE CRITIC. We cannot print enough with our present facilities.

HENRY WARD BEECHER speaks of Judge Cox as "an imbecile judge," because he admits Guitau to the ordinary constitutional privileges of a man on trial for his life. After all, Guitau hasn't made a tenth part of the "statements" that Brother Beecher made when on trial himself some years ago. Brother Beecher should avoid stirring up judicial reminiscences.

WE UNDERSTAND, from perusing some of our esteemed morning contemporaries, that one officer of the Government has been found who is not afraid of A. M. Gibson. His name is Phillips, Solicitor-General. Now let Billy Cox and Gibson hold a consultation and instruct George Bliss to demand Phillips' removal. It is perfectly plain that Phillips is an "obstacle." George Bliss is said to have immense influence with the President.

A COMENDABLE spirit of economy has been infused into the proceedings of the Massachusetts Legislature. That solemn body contains four clergymen, who volunteer to manage the opening prayer by relays without any cost to the State. Possibly we can beat that right here. The Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, of Brooklyn, will probably conduct the election of a Speaker of the Forty-seventh Congress. The comparative influence of the Rev. Smith in politics will be evident to the most casual reader.

So Mrs. Langtry finds playing professional beauty in London an unprofitable business, and she is coming to this country to go regularly to work. It is a pity that a bit of genius along with her beauty she will pick up money here; but she should have first made her name in Europe. We are always willing to pay high for foreign artists, but we care little about them when they make their names themselves.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

It strikes a few minds that Mrs. Langtry has posed about long enough, and that this country ought to have outgrown the swaddling clothes of nonsense over imported celebrities. There is a heap of truth in the above remark of the Post-Dispatch.

CONNECTICUT is a happy State. There is so little litigation there that, according to the Hartford Courant, the legal fraternity of that city are in a state of chronic discontent, while, according to the register of New Haven, the Superior Court, now in session, "is begging for something to do." A few years ago "an attorney was fortunate to get a case tried in four or five years" in that court. After extending sympathy to the lawyers of Hartford, we proceed to cherish the hope that the Supreme Court of the United States will some day be less than seven years behind on its docket.

THE CHOSEN RACE seems to be well scattered over the surface of the globe. Prof. Brunsell, of the statistical archives of Rome, estimates that there are altogether in the world 6,568,000 Hebrews, of which number 5,500,000 are in Europe, 200,000 in Asia, 500,000 in Africa, 200,000 in America, and 30,000 in Australia. Taking the European countries, by far the largest number of Hebrews in proportion to the population are in Rumania, where the average is 7.44 per 100 inhabitants; Russia comes next with 3.57 per 100 inhabitants, while Germany has 1.22, Great Britain 0.50, and Portugal only 0.04.

THE PRESS of the country is in a fever of excitement over the long suffering patience of Judge Cox in dealing with that reptile now on trial. One of our exchanges indignantly remarks: But what shall be said of such a circus as Judge Cox's court is now being transformed into because of the assumed legal safeguards through which the life and liberty of a person accused of crime. Were the most reputable citizen of Washington to interrupt the proceedings of the court, but once, he would be silenced; were he to repeat the offense, he would be severely and summarily punished. There is a miserable, sneaking, cowardly cat who, because of his malicious malice, has robbed the Nation of its long-remembered Chief Magistrate, and who, in the midst of his long and wicked career, has broken up the happy families, permitted from day to day to outrage the dignity of the court, insult lawyers and judge, month his alleged insane ravings before thousands of people, and to figure as the center of a drama about which the Government has thrown all possible features of sensationalism, and he cannot be rebuked, rebuked, because of the law's protection of the sacred person of a criminal.

Opinions differ about this circus. Some think it explained on the ground that a sort of divinity hedges about the personage of a criminal who claims to be a lawyer and to be the principal factor in his own defense. Others have believed these gymnastics a part of the insanity argument. The latter idea would seem to have been somewhat stretched when Guitau alluded to his brother-in-law as a liar in open court, and the impression is that Mr. Seville would have thought that a good place to draw the line on any agreement between himself and his client. While the trial is pending we don't care to drop any suggestions, especially to such a conscientious judge as the one presiding on the bench, but a widespread sentiment of disgust could be quieted down if some means were devised to tie a strong red handkerchief around the prisoner's jaws.

How We Spoil our Quail.

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The quail and what we call the partridge are, although essentially dry birds, susceptible of conversion into admirable dishes. With us, however, when they are not served broiled on toast to the consistency and flavor of a pine chip, they are roasted and always accompanied by a sort of poultry known as bread sauce. Yet abroad how many ways have cooks invented for giving welcome to the partridge. As salmies based upon truffles and crowned with them, reinforced by a purée flavored with their own juices and livers, they may claim equality with any dish of game.

Children of Israel.

Crawfordville Democrat.
Great numbers of the persecuted Hebrews in Europe are constantly arriving in this country. They should meet with a hearty welcome. They make the best of citizens, and furnish less paupers, drunkards and criminals than any other class of people. They are a shrewd and thrifty race, but are conspicuous for liberality and open-hearted generosity. Their enterprise and intelligence bring them to the front in every progressive movement. Would that George had ten-fold her present number of Hebrews.

Mourning Expenses.

Upon the death of our late President there was a general and generous display of mourning emblems upon all the public buildings at Washington. Nobody there seemed to count the cost of such decoration, but the bills have since come. They amount in round figures to \$200,000, and there is no appropriation out of which they can be paid. The subject will have to be presented to Congress to be considered with other expenses, the aggregate of which will probably be \$300,000.

French Chronology.

M. Gambetta was 41 years old on Sunday, the 25th, and therefore, is about to full prime of the working life of life—just two years under what the Duke of Wellington and Napoleon would call the "prime of life." It was in that year that Prince Bismarck was born, and he is, therefore, now 46 years old. Of English contemporary statesmen, Mr. Gladstone will be 73 in December, the Marquis of Salisbury is 51, Mr. Chamberlain 48, and Sir Charles Dilke only 38.

High Old Art.

Atlanta Constitution.
The Washington Post has an illustration of the recent attempt to assassinate the prisoner in which Guitau was temporarily congealed. If the perspective of the chromo is correct, the man who shot Guitau was seven miles from the van when he fired the fatal shot. It appears to us that he might have crept up near enough to use a razor on the stalwart guard—but these are mere speculative fancies.

Our Thoughtful Brown.

Atlanta Constitution.
Mr. J. Stanley Brown, private secretary of the late President, is now in Washington, and is the banking business in Washington. Mr. Brown is a very young man, but he seems to have accumulated just enough money to keep him off the lecture platform.

Nightly Inferential.

Dr. Hammond smokes six cigars a day, and says they make him vigorous. It may be mentioned in this connection that ex-Attorney-General MacVeagh does not smoke.

His Has Experience.

Chicago Times.
We infer that Miss Sally Bernhardt has had the experience of a St. Louis editor, who distinctly alludes to a desire to smash somebody's head.

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